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Mike McGrath
Attorney General
State of Montana
Department of Justice
P.O. Box 201440
Helena, MT 59620-1440

Re: Benefis Healthcare/COPA

Dear Attorney General McGrath:

Thank you for our opportunity to visit with you about the COPA matter.

In following up to that discussion, we are amending our Petition for Modification as follows.

With regard to Paragraph 5 (Non-exclusivity), this request will now be made only with respect to anesthesiology. This request for modification does not include any new specialties other than anesthesiology.

In furtherance of that same discussion, Benefis withdraws Paragraph 8 (Agreements with Surgical Facility Providers) from its request.

Because we have been made aware of the concerns of other persons and entities involved in health care in our area, we have deemed these modifications to our Petition to be appropriate.

As always, we thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Goodnow".

John Goodnow, Chief Executive Officer
Benefis Healthcare

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